



# **Annual Report 2022**

## **Governor's Council on Disability**



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# History

The Governor's Council on Disability traces its roots to the World War II era. In 1947, President Harry S Truman issued an Executive Order establishing the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. This Committee was created to assist WWII veterans living with disabilities with reentry into the civilian workforce. In 1949, Missouri established the state Governor's Committee to share information about work related problems facing people living with disabilities. In 1977, the Governor's Committee was established as a state agency and in 1994, the agency's name was changed and the statute was updated to broaden the agency's mission beyond employment, enabling the Governor's Council on Disability to become a voice for more than one million Missourians living with disabilities in all facets of life, including state government.

# Mission

To provide leadership and support so people with disabilities achieve inclusion and independence.

# Vision

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability will be recognized statewide as the primary organization providing leadership to improve the lives of Missouri citizens with disabilities.

# Goals

The Governor's Council on Disability's Strategic and Operational Plan was updated and approved for 2023 - 2027 on November 18, 2022. The Goals are:

- Goal I: Advise all state agencies and non-governmental organizations to advocate for policies and practices that impact Missouri citizens with disabilities.
- Goal II: Encourage system changes and public policies that eliminate barriers and support the wellbeing and independence of individuals with disabilities.
- Goal III: Expand opportunities for independence for people with disabilities in all aspects of their lives.
- Goal IV: Gather input from the public on disability related issues and report the results of this information.
- Goal V: Develop, explore, and implement strategies to increase resources for the operating efficiency of the Council.

For the complete Strategic Plan, please visit our website at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd> and click on Strategic Plan.



## Council Membership

- 20 members and a chairperson comprise the Council.
- Council members are appointed by the Governor.
- The appointment of the chairperson requires the advice and consent of the Missouri Senate.
- Members represent each of the eight U.S. Congressional Districts.
- The majority of members are people with disabilities.
- The Governor's Council on Disability is comprised of the following committees: Executive, Advocacy, and Programs.
- The Council conducts quarterly meetings.
- Currently, five seats are vacant.



**Ronald Hack**  
**Council Chair**  
Sunset Hills  
Appointed: 6/28/22



**Joan Bergstrom**  
Member 1  
Lee's Summit  
First Appointed: 7/15/08



**Charles Comstock II**  
6th Congressional District  
Kirksville  
First Appointed: 7/29/10



**Wayne Crawford**  
Member 3  
Marshall  
First Appointed: 3/15/21



**Betty Davidson**  
Member 5  
St. Louis  
First Appointed: 11/16/09



**Rosemary Hendon**  
8th Congressional District  
West Plains  
First Appointed: 1/6/17



**Raymond "Chip" Hailey**  
7th Congressional District  
Joplin  
First Appointed: 1/6/17



**Katie Jones**  
Member 4  
St. Peters  
First Appointed: 10/27/17



**Kim Lackey**  
Member 12  
St. Louis  
First Appointed: 7/9/19



**Elijah Mayfield**  
Member 11  
Jefferson City  
First Appointed: 3/14/18



**Susan Orton**  
Member 8  
Creve Coeur  
First Appointed: 7/19/05



**Traci Ritter**  
Member 6  
Cape Girardeau  
First Appointed: 3/15/21



**Andrew Sartorius**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
Jefferson City  
First Appointed: 7/9/19



**Lesia Shelton**  
4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Buffalo  
First Appointed: 7/9/19

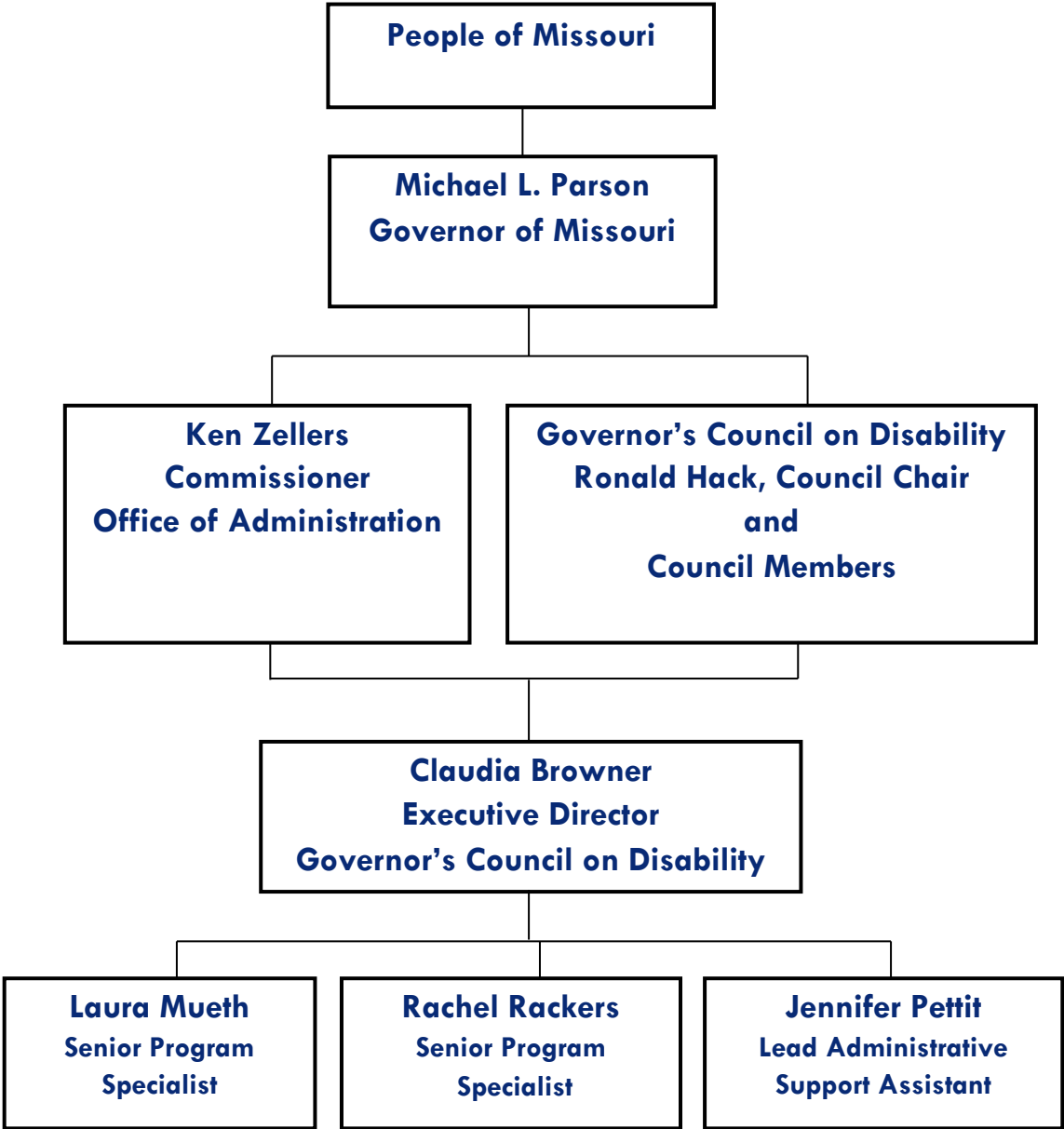


**James Trout**  
1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
Webster Groves  
First Appointed: 3/4/09



**Robert Wallace**  
Member 2  
St. Louis  
First Appointed: 5/10/10

# Organizational Structure



# Council Events 2022

## Council Membership

- Governor Parson appointed Ron Hack as Council Chair on June 28, 2022.

## Programs and Initiatives

- GCD launched the redesigned Disability Web Portal and GCD website, and new agency logo in March 2022
- GCD participated in the Office of Administration's Diversity and Inclusion Council and created an Accessibility Guide: A toolkit for accessible communications in the workplace
- GCD received the Michael H. Keller award for outstanding services to the blind community in Missouri from the Missouri Council of the Blind
- GCD developed and maintained partnerships among the state departments. State department liaisons participate in the quarterly Council meetings and provide input from their departments.
- GCD staff provided educational presentations to organizations, agencies, and employers throughout Missouri on a variety of disability-related topics such as employment of people with disabilities, disability awareness, accessibility, service animals and the GCD youth programs
- GCD staff served on state agency teams, committees and boards to exchange information and collaborate with disability-related organizations
- GCD participated in awareness activities to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) during the month of October
- GCD staff participated in the National Association of Youth Leadership Forums (AYLF)
- GCD Executive Director participated in the National Association of Governor's Councils
- GCD published six issues of the GCD Newsletter covering disability-related topics
- GCD continued its annual programs:
  - GCD Awards Programs – Inclusion Award and Youth Leadership Award
  - GCD Poster Contest celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month
  - GCD Youth Programs
    - Missouri Youth Leadership Forum
    - Virtual Leadership Summit
  - Legislative Education Project
  - Legislative Priorities Poll
  - Legislative Update



## Finances

The Governor's Council on Disability's programs and services are funded from General Revenue, with the exception of the youth transition programs. This funding covers personnel costs and expenses for most Council activities. The Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) budget is listed below:

Personnel (4 FTE):	\$198,788.00
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$ 24,898.00</u>
Total:	\$223,686.00

At the time of publication, the Council has spent \$9,756 in operating expenses, or 39% of the FY23 budget. Expenses include supplies, postage, telecommunications, Council meeting expenses, travel, professional development, disability accommodations, and expenses for GCD programs.

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF), Virtual Leadership Summit (VLS), and Leadership Development Program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing (LDP) are programs that are **not** funded from General Revenue funds. These programs are funded through a combination of sponsorships and donations. Paraquad, Inc., a Center for Independent Living in St. Louis, serves as the 501(c)3 fiscal agent for these programs.

The following is a summary of the **2022 MO-YLF/VLS** budget and program expenditures.

Beginning balance in <b>MO-YLF/VLS</b> account on January 1, 2022:	\$ 96,095.78
Donations/sponsorships/deposits received in 2022:	\$ 38,040.00
MO-YLF Expenditures	\$(40,246.83)
VLS Expenditures	<u>\$ (1,572.74)</u>
Balance in MO-YLF/VLS account (December 1, 2022)	\$ 92,316.21

### 2022 LDP Budget

Beginning balance in <b>LDP</b> account on January 1, 2022:	\$ 3,053.35
Ending balance in LDP account on December 31, 2022:	\$ 3,053.35

The LDP program was not held in 2022 due to the lack of program applicants.

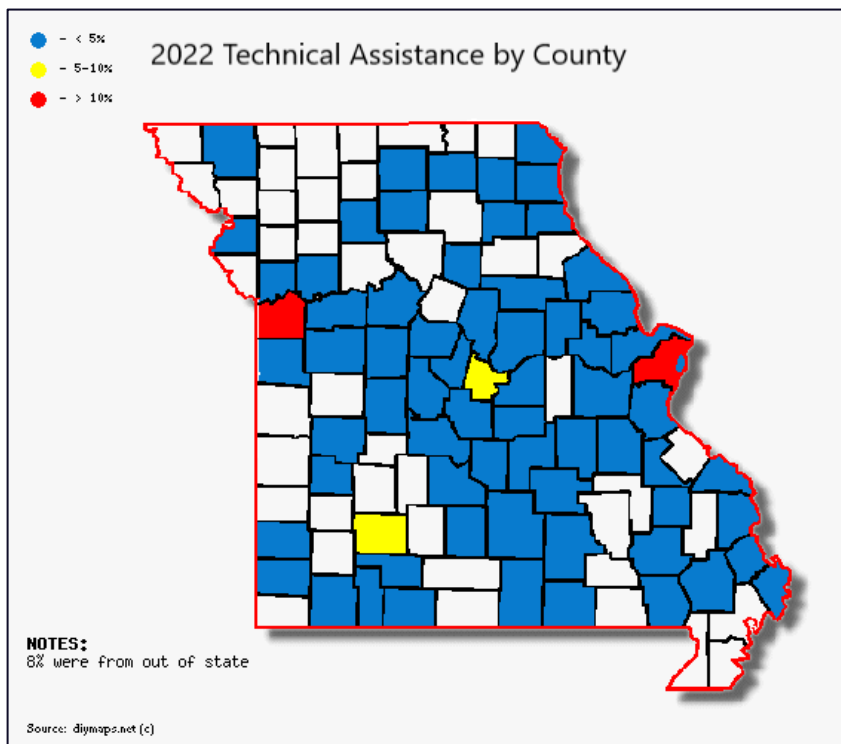
# Programs and Initiatives

## Technical Assistance

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) provides disability-related technical assistance to individuals, businesses, governmental and agency representatives in Missouri, and other states. Most contacts are from individuals in need of resources in order to live more independently. Referrals are made to state and federal agencies, local community resources, Centers for Independent Living, non-profit organizations, including faith-based groups and Community Action Agencies. In some instances, referrals are made to businesses or for-profit entities. The GCD also works with state agencies, state legislators and the Governor's Office on constituent affairs to provide solutions to individuals' concerns and issues.

In 2022, the GCD received a substantial number of calls and e-mail inquiries concerning disability services, financial assistance and eligibility requirements for disability benefits (48%), service animals (15%), and housing (10%). Other common inquiries included requests for information about employment, legal/advocacy issues, transportation, accommodations, ADA guidelines and regulations, Universal Design standards, accessible parking, FMLA issues, and questions about potential discrimination in employment, housing or in public places.

Overall, the GCD assisted 537 different individuals with their phone inquiries, and responded to 615 e-mail inquiries and requests.



The counties displayed on the map include:

### Group I (<5% of inquiries):

Adair, Audrain, Barry, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clark, Clay, Cooper, Crawford, Dent, Franklin, Howell, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Laclede, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Madison, Maries, Marion, Miller, Mississippi, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Oregon, Osage, Perry, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Pulaski, Randolph, Ray, Saline, Scott, Shannon, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, St. Louis City, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wright

### Group II (5-10% of inquiries):

Cole, Greene

### Group III (>10% of inquiries):

Jackson (15%), St. Louis County (22%)

**Total number of counties listed:** 69 of 114 Missouri counties, plus the city of St. Louis.

## Publications / Resources

### Disability Web Portal and Directory of Resources for Missourians with Disabilities

The Governor's Council on Disability publishes a variety of educational videos, resources and information on the [Disability Web Portal](#), including the *Resource Directory for Missourians with Disabilities*. The online Directory allows each user to search for disability-related resources by category or location.

### COVID-19 Resources

On the Disability Web Portal, the Governor's Council on Disability maintained a web page designated to resources and information for the disability community related to the coronavirus health crisis.

### Legislative Update

During the legislative session, a weekly [Legislative Update](#) is distributed to keep individuals up-to-date on legislation that potentially affects individuals with disabilities. Over 1,500 individuals subscribed to the publication.

### GCD Newsletter

The GCD publishes six issues of the GCD Newsletter per year about disability-related topics and GCD activities. The newsletter is sent out by e-mail and posted on the website and Social Media. The newsletters can be found online at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/newsletters.htm>

### Accessible Parking PSA

The Governor's Council on Disability provides a public service announcement video to educate about the importance of accessible parking spaces for individuals with disabilities, and to remind people to keep access aisles open for those who need them to transfer in and out of the vehicles. The PSA is available at <https://disability.mo.gov/transportation.htm> or <https://youtu.be/4OpEtjbNhgA>

### Other Publications

The Governor's Council on Disability also disseminated a variety of program information and publications including *"This is Not a Ticket"* which provides educational information about accessible parking.

## Awards Programs

The Governor's Council on Disability annually recognizes individuals or organizations who promote and demonstrate leadership in inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community living. Recognizing best practices in Inclusion and outstanding efforts in Youth Leadership increases awareness about the importance of inclusion in all aspects of community living and awards accomplishments in advocacy efforts for the disability community. The Council selects the winners of the awards, who are nominated by individuals or organizations in their communities.

### Inclusion Award

The Inclusion Award recognizes individuals, businesses, agencies or organizations that have demonstrated best practices in inclusion of people with disabilities in education, employment, housing, leisure activities, universal design, and website accessibility.

#### 30th Annual Inclusion Award winner for 2021: Summit Future Foundation, Kansas City

*Photo: Cassidi Jobe, Executive Director, Summit Future Foundation*



Summit Future Foundation empowers youth and young adults who experience developmental disabilities to lead meaningful and inclusive lives by providing daily living skills development, social and recreational participation, youth transition planning, work readiness development, and workforce engagement. The foundation's focus on broadening community outreach has enhanced inclusive practices in Kansas City and increased the number of Kansas City based businesses who provide inclusive employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

#### Inclusion Award - Honorable Mention: Chill-Pak, Springfield

*Photo: Krista Thompson, Chill-Pak*



Chill-Pak is a small, disability-owned, woman-owned business focused on two priorities – providing the best products and services for its customers, and providing an inclusive, supportive work environment for its employees. Chill-Pak prides itself for its inclusive and diverse workforce at all levels of the company while celebrating and supporting individual abilities for the benefit of the employees, products, customers and the community.

For additional information about the annual Inclusion Awards, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/inclwin.htm>

## Youth Leadership Award

The Youth Leadership Award recognizes emerging leaders in the disability community (ages 16-26) that demonstrate leadership by engaging in activities that improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in their communities.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Leadership Award winner for 2021: Seyoon Choi

*Photo: Seyoon Choi*



Seyoon Choi attends St. Louis University (SLU) majoring in Social Work. He serves as the co-chair of the National Association of Blind Students' (NABS) communications committee and is the producer of the NABS podcast. Choi works as a research assistant in the Chrome Lab on campus and is a past participant of the Starkloff Disability Institute's Dream Big program. Choi attended the Orientation, Mobility and Adaptive Living Resource Program hosted by the Lighthouse for the Blind. He serves as a guest speaker at schools and other venues to talk about the abilities of individuals who are blind or visually impaired. In his spare time, Seyoon creates educational tutorials on his YouTube channel, Blind Insider.

### Youth Leadership Award - Honorable Mention: TyReeke Garnett

*Photo: TyReeke Garnett's award*



TyReeke Garnett attends high school and holds two part-time jobs. He has been a LifeBridge Partnership participant since 2012 and a Program Support Assistant since 2020. Starting out as a camp counselor in training, he quickly advanced to being a paid camp counselor. Garnett demonstrates a desire for learning and leadership and a passion for providing direct supports for his peers by encouraging independence, leading activities, and being a role model.

For more information about the annual Youth Leadership Award, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/youthleadershipaward.htm>

The Governor's Council on Disability presented the awards to the winners at the Power Up Assistive Technology Conference on April 5, 2022.

The Governor's Council on Disability is currently accepting nominations for the 2022 Inclusion and Youth Leadership Awards. **Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2023.**



# Legislative Programs

## Legislative Education Project

The purpose of the Legislative Education Project (LEP) is to educate people about the Missouri legislative process and motivate individuals by providing opportunities to become actively involved in public policy that impacts people with disabilities. The LEP is sponsored annually during the legislative session and includes online learning tools to bring the training to individuals and organizations in their communities. The online training modules and videos teach individuals about *How a Bill Becomes a Law*, the *Elected Officials and General Assembly*, and *How to Navigate the House and Senate Websites*. The videos educate about *Accessible Voting*, *Attending a Senate Hearing and Providing Testimony*, and *Building an Effective Relationship with Legislators*. The online learning modules and videos have had more than 2,500 views.

The GCD updated the Accessible Voting video to reflect changes in legislation regarding absentee voting, and created a new resource page with information relating to accessible voting on the Disability Web Portal.

## Legislative Priorities Poll

Each year the Governor's Council on Disability distributes a Legislative Priorities Poll to determine the issues that are important to Missourians with disabilities and those who work and live with them. The poll is sent out to agencies and individuals. This year, 452 individuals from 57 counties in Missouri participated in the poll. Based on the results, the legislative priorities the Governor's Council on Disability will be following during the 2023 legislative session are:

1. Plans for public emergencies and disasters ensuring needs of people with disabilities are met
2. All public buildings having evacuation plans for all people with disabilities
3. The State of Missouri should update websites to include more language that is direct and easy to understand for those with reading or writing difficulties
4. The Direct Support Professional workforce providing critical services
5. Ban on drivers' texting while driving

Outcomes of the Legislative Priorities Poll are shared with the General Assembly and elected officials. The complete report is available online at [https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/legislative\\_priorities\\_poll.htm](https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/legislative_priorities_poll.htm). The GCD will continue to help people with disabilities advocate in the 2023 legislative session. GCD staff will be examining bills that relate to disability and analyze their impact on the disability community.

## Legislative Update

The Governor's Council on Disability continues to publish the weekly Legislative Update newsletter during the legislative session to provide information about disability-related bills and their status in the legislative process.

# Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

The annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) is a 5-day leadership and career development program for transition age high school students with disabilities.

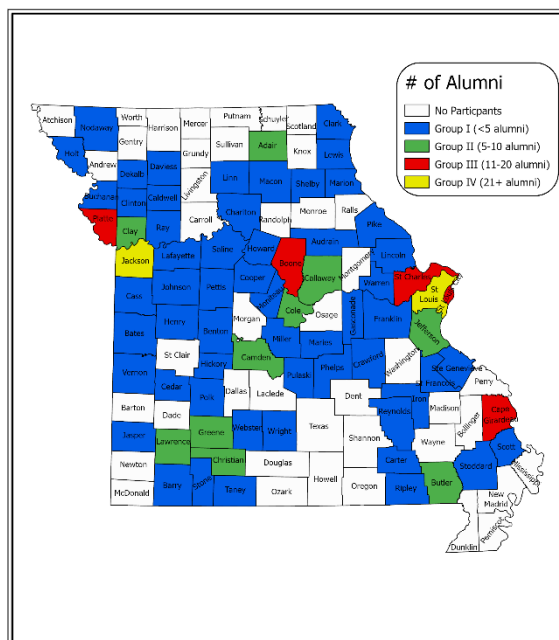


MO-YLF participants and keynote speaker on MU campus

From July 12-16, 2022, 15 delegates representing 11 different counties in Missouri participated in the 18th annual MO-YLF at the University of Missouri in Columbia, where they learned about the importance of self-advocacy, mentorship, disability culture and history, the legislative process, independent living, post-secondary transition, and community service.

The program provides an opportunity for students to learn from mentors, program alumni and volunteers who share similar experiences and grow as leaders in their communities. The delegates get to experience college life while they attend the program and learn about career and college opportunities from an employer panel and post-secondary education professionals. A legislative day at the capitol provides opportunities to learn about the legislative process and self-advocacy, and the community service project teaches the value of volunteering and giving back to those in need. Social activities in the evenings allow time for bonding and friendships to form.

## MO-YLF Alumni by County



**Group I (less than 5 alumni):** Audrain, Barry, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carter, Cass, Cedar, Chariton, Clark, Clinton, Cooper, Crawford, Daviess, DeKalb, Franklin, Gasconade, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Iron, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Macon, Maries, Marion, Miller, Moniteau, Nodaway, Pettis, Phelps, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Ray, Reynolds, Ripley, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Saline, Scott, Shelby, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Vernon, Warren, Webster, Wright

**Group II (5 – 10 alumni):** Adair, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Christian, Clay, Cole, Greene, Jefferson, Lawrence

**Group III (11 – 20 alumni):** Boone, Cape Girardeau, Platte, St. Charles, St. Louis City

**Group IV (21 – 30 alumni):** none

**Group V (more than 30 alumni):** Jackson, St. Louis County

Since inception of the MO-YLF in 2001, a total of 359 alumni have graduated from the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, representing 71 of the 114 Missouri counties, plus the city of St. Louis.

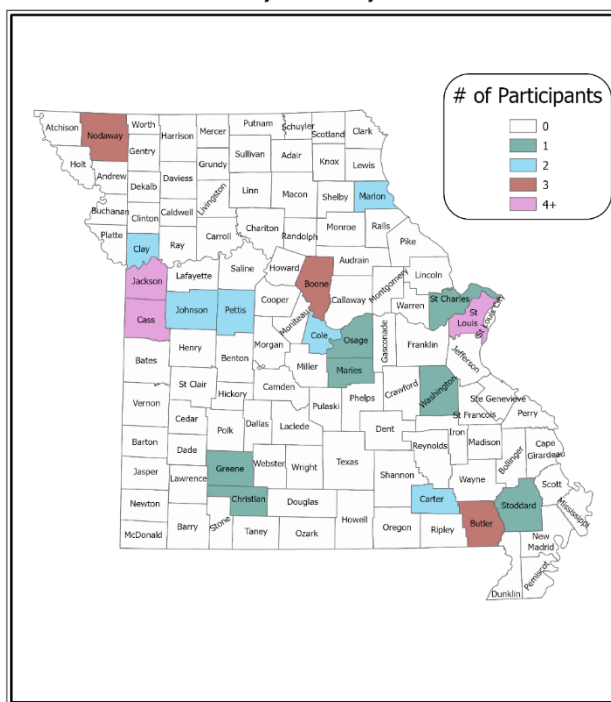
More information about the MO-YLF can be found at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylyf.htm>

## Virtual Leadership Summit

The one-day Virtual Leadership Summit (VLS) was held February 26, 2022, and provided 16 transition age Missouri high school students the opportunity to learn about leadership, self-determination, employment, goal setting, and independent living, and prepare them for the weeklong Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.

The VLS also increased the statewide outreach by providing leadership opportunities in different regions of the state and offered five MO-YLF alumni the opportunity to participate as mentors, session leaders and facilitators. Since its inception in 2021, 46 students representing 20 counties in Missouri have participated in the program.

### Virtual Leadership Summit Participants by County



#### Counties with one participant – 7 counties:

Christian, Greene, Maries, Osage, St. Charles, Stoddard, Washington

#### Counties with two participants – 6 counties:

Clay, Carter, Cole, Johnson, Marion, Pettis

#### Counties with three participants – 3 counties:

Boone, Butler, Nodaway

#### Counties with four or more participants – 3 counties:

Cass, Jackson, St. Louis

The GCD will continue to offer this program annually in addition to the in-person Missouri Youth Leadership Forum. More information on the Virtual Leadership Summit is available on the GCD website at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/vls.htm>

# Employment Initiatives

## Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative

In September 2019, Governor Parson issued [Executive Order 19-16](#) outlining directives for state agencies to implement the Missouri as a Model Employer initiative. Members of the OA Commissioner's Office, Division of Personnel, Office of Equal Opportunity, and the Governor's Council on Disability collaborated to carry out the directives of the executive order. The efforts focused on gathering data on the number of employees with disabilities in state government through the annual voluntary self-disclosure survey, awareness activities during National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and recommending training on disability awareness, diversity and inclusion for all state HR and hiring managers, supervisors and employees. More information about the initiative can be found online at <https://disability.mo.gov/model-employer.htm>

## National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

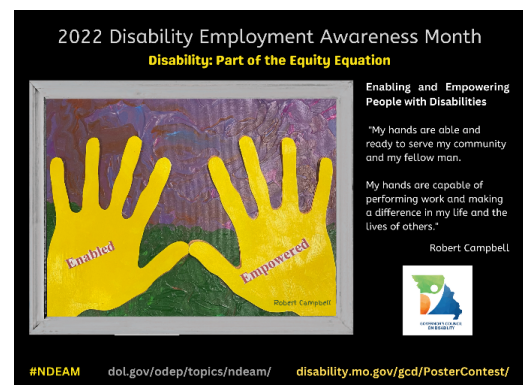
National Disability Employment Awareness Month is celebrated nationwide throughout the month of October to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The GCD participated in several NDEAM activities including:

- Receiving proclamations from Governor Parson declaring October National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Disability History month in Missouri
- Creating a virtual exhibit about the history and background of NDEAM, which features resources and information related to the employment of individuals with disabilities (<https://disability.mo.gov/NDEAM.htm>)
- Publishing newsletter articles about NDEAM
- Raising awareness through social media posts, emails and the annual NDEAM poster contest

## Disability Employment Awareness Month Poster Contest

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) hosts an annual [poster contest](#) to celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month in Missouri and raise awareness about the importance of workplace inclusion for people with disabilities.

The poster contest is intended to spark a conversation about the importance of employment for people with disabilities and raise awareness about their positive contributions to the workforce.



The winner of the 2022 NDEAM poster contest was Robert Campbell, an artist from Forsyth, Missouri.

## Other Employment Activities

Additional employment related activities of the GCD included:

- Providing educational presentations to agencies and organizations, on disability awareness and workforce diversity, the employment of people with disabilities and accommodations in the workplace.
- Participating in workgroups and initiatives to improve employment and higher education opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Attending educational webinars on employment of people with disabilities.
- Participating in the Center for Disability Inclusion's annual Disability Inclusion Summit.
- Serving on the Office of Administration's (OA) Diversity and Inclusion Council.
- Creating the *Accessibility Guide: A toolkit for accessible workplace communications*, in collaboration with OA Diversity and Inclusion Council's subcommittee on accessible meetings. This guide was shared with OA team members, State of Missouri HR directors, and on the State of Missouri's accessibility intranet page.
- Creating a modified version of the *Accessibility Guide: A toolkit for accessible workplace communications* for public use.



## Outreach Activities

The Governor's Council on Disability participated in numerous outreach and educational activities throughout the year to promote disability awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life.

### Disability Web Portal / Website / Social Media

- The **Missouri Disability Web Portal** (<https://disability.mo.gov>) serves as a one-stop access point for the public to obtain information on disability resources and offers links to other entities and state agencies that provide services to people with disabilities. The portal also provides a link to the GCD website. In 2022, the Disability Web Portal and GCD website had over 171,000 page views.
- **Social Media:** The GCD Facebook page is reaching a growing number of individuals with more than 1,800 page followers, the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum Facebook has more than 500 page followers, and GCD's Twitter account has 182 followers to date.
- **Email subscribers:** Over 1,700 individuals are subscribed to GCD listservs to receive disability-related information and GCD program updates.

### Educational Presentations / Outreach / Exhibits

The Governor's Council on Disability provides educational programs on disability rights, etiquette and awareness, employment of people with disabilities, service animals and other disability-related topics to any state agency, group or organization in Missouri requesting such information. Educational programs are specifically tailored to the individuals or groups. During the quarterly public Council meetings, presentations are provided on different disability-related topics.

Throughout the year 2022, the GCD staff:

- Developed and presented 56 educational programs and presentations to 2,518 individuals
- Provided outreach and shared resources and information with more than 1,300 individuals at 37 meetings, events and conferences

## Boards and Commissions

As part of the Governor's Council on Disability's advisory capacity function, staff and Council members serve on a variety of boards and commissions to promote opportunities in all aspects of life, including education, employment, housing, recreation, and transportation. The following is a list of those boards and commissions on which staff and Council members served in calendar year 2022.

- Access and Functional Needs Committee, Statewide
- Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER), Missouri Chapter, Statewide
- Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), Nationwide
- APRIL Youth and Steering Committees, Nationwide
- AYLF (Association of Youth Leadership Forums), Nationwide
- Brain Injury Association of Missouri, Statewide
- Cape County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Cape Girardeau County
- Central Missouri Youth Connections, Central Missouri
- Community Transition Teams, Statewide
- Disability Rights Legislative Day Planning Committee, Statewide
- Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments, St. Louis
- Employment First Initiative, Statewide
- Equity Advisory Committee, Dept. of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Statewide
- Future of Self Advocacy, Statewide
- Giant Steps of St. Louis
- Leadership Development Program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Planning Committee, Statewide
- Midwest Inclusive Post-Secondary Alliance (MIPSA), Statewide
- Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative, Statewide
- Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council, Statewide
- Missouri Centers for Independent Living (MOCIL), Statewide
- Missouri Council of the Blind, Statewide
- Missouri Disability Health Collaborative Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri First Responders Disability Awareness Training Advisory Council, Statewide
- Missouri Health Equity Committee, Statewide
- Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation Board, Statewide

- Missouri Interagency Transition Team, Statewide
- Missouri Rehabilitation Association State Board, Statewide
- Missouri State Deafblind Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Statewide
- Missouri Transportation Task Force, Statewide
- Missouri UD Initiative
- Missouri Youth Leadership Forum Planning Committee, Statewide
- Money Follows the Person Housing Committee, Statewide
- MYLIFE Alumni Association, Statewide
- National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities, Nationwide
- National Federation of the Blind, Nationwide
- Office of Administration Diversity & Inclusion Council, Statewide
- Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Citizens with DD, St. Louis County
- Special School District (SSD) Transition Team, St. Louis
- St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities, St. Louis
- St. Louis Disability Transportation Resource Network, St. Louis
- State Rehabilitation Council (Vocational Rehabilitation), Statewide
- State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind, Statewide
- Supported Decision Making Stakeholder Group, Statewide
- Supporting Youth People Committee, Statewide
- Transition Training Institute Team, Statewide
- UMSL SUCCEED Advisory Board, St. Louis

## 2023 Meeting and Event Dates

### Governor's Council on Disability Quarterly Meetings

- February 17, 2023
- May 19, 2023
- August 18, 2023
- November 17, 2023

Council meetings are open to the public and are held at the Missouri Behavioral Health Council building in Jefferson City, beginning at 10 a.m. or virtually by WebEx and conference call.

### Virtual Leadership Summit

- March 4, 2023

### Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

- July 18-22, 2023

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for students with disabilities (ages 16-21) will be held at the University of Missouri campus in Columbia.